



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

648 KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012-2713

DAWYN R. HARRISON
Interim County Counsel

February 28, 2023

TELEPHONE
(213) 974-1885
FACSIMILE
(213) 626-2105
TDD
(213) 633-0901
E-MAIL
abyers@counsel.lacounty.gov

TO: CELIA ZAVALA
Executive Officer
Board of Supervisors

Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM: ADRIENNE M. BYERS
Litigation Cost Manager
Executive Office

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "AMB", is placed next to the name Adrienne M. Byers.

RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**
County Claims Board Recommendation
Victor Mora, et al. v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No.: 20STCV21011

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation regarding the above-referenced matter. Also attached is the Case Summary to be made available to the public.

It is requested that this recommendation and the Case Summary be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

AMB:jkb

Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Victor Mora, et al. v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV21011, in the amount of \$1,500,000, and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department's budget.

This lawsuit arises from injuries plaintiff allegedly sustained in an automobile accident involving a bus driven by a Sheriff's Department employee.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Victor Mora, et al. vs. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.
CASE NUMBER	20STCV21011
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	June 3, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 1,500,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	David Koppelman, Esq. Koppelman Law
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Adrian G. Gragas, Esq. Assistant County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is a motor vehicle accident lawsuit that occurred on April 12, 2019, when a Sheriff's transportation bus rear-ended a truck on eastbound SR-60. Plaintiff Victor Mora claims to have suffered injuries as a result of the accident. His wife, plaintiff Diana Del Pozo Mora, claims loss of consortium. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 79,828
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 25,883